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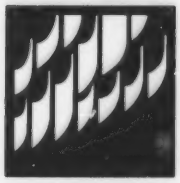

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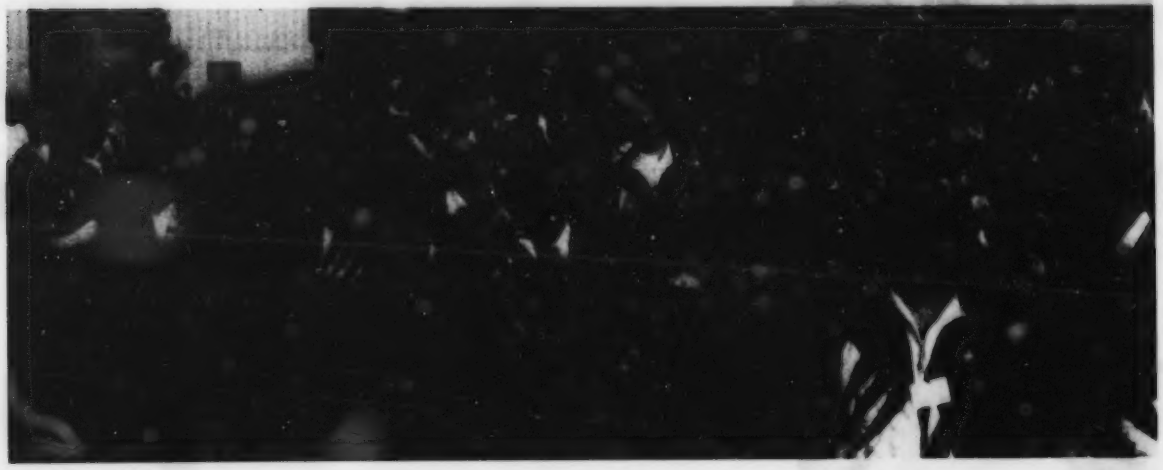


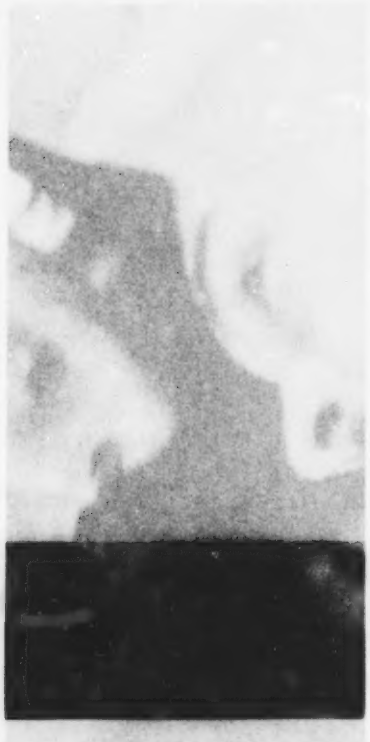
Minister's Message
Honourable Vince Steen

As the newly appointed Minister responsible for Sport and Recreation in the Northwest Territories, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate Sport North and its member organizations on another successful year of sport and recreation development. The collective Sport North membership of more than 20, 000 athletes, coaches, officials, organizers and volunteers have accomplished a number of initiatives, each with merit worthy of acknowledgment.

April 1st, 1999 saw the division of the Northwest Territories into two new territories. On behalf of the Government of the Northwest Territories and all of the membership within Sport North, I would like too wish our friends in Nunavut the very best of luck as they embark on the creation of a new sport governing system. The work towards this goal has been ongoing for some time. Within the last year we saw the election of an interim Sport Nunavut Board of Directors, the delivery of workshops on how to create sport organizations to 36 participants representing 13 Territorial Sport Organizations, and a number of planning sessions with Nunavut sport and recreation professionals.

To coincide with division, we also saw the implementation of the NWT Coaching Development Strategy. This joint initiative between Sport North and the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs was intended to raise the quality and quantity of coaches in the north. Throughout the year, 17 courses were delivered to 89 people in Nunavut and 14 courses were delivered to 151 people in the western NWT. Additional training events included healthy life choices, drug free sport and harassment workshops to more than 780 school age children. The highlight of the Coaching Development Strategy was the Coaching Symposium held in late November in Yellowknife. More than 125 people attended a variety of workshops in the areas of high performance sport, community sport and volunteerism.

This past year saw the Northwest Territories compete for the last time at the Canada Winter Games in Corner Brook, Newfoundland as a unified Team NWT. Our team representatives were, once again, excellent northern ambassadors as they competed against other young athletes from across Canada. Beginning with the 2000 Arctic



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A Study of the Benefits
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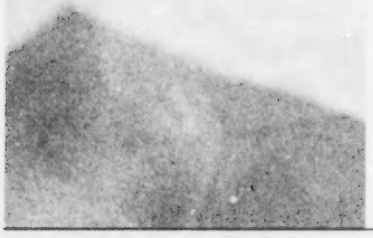

Winter Games in Whitehorse, Team Nunavut and Team NWT will be competing separately. Again, we send our best wishes to Nunavut as they prepare for this northern celebration of sport excellence.

Sport North has now entered a new era of sport development. With the recent signing of a new four year Sport North Lottery Agreement, plans are underway to formalize partnerships with the NWT Recreation and Parks Association, the Aboriginal Sport Circle of the Western Arctic and the Regional Sport and Recreation Associations. The intent of this effort is to advance the development of a broad based sport and recreation system with all stakeholders working in a unified direction. As Sport North begins to plan strategically for the future, they can count on the support of other organizations through these formalized partnerships.

As leaders in the Sport and Recreation community, we need to continue to communicate the benefits of an active lifestyle to our residents. The NWT is a full partner in the national goal of reducing physical inactivity in the Canadian population, and our collective efforts in this field are an integral part of the strategy to meet this goal. It is incumbent on all partners to work with NWT residents to convince them of the numerous health and social benefits to be gained from participating in sport, fitness and recreation activities.

Finally, I would like to commend the outstanding efforts of the volunteers within the sport and recreation system. Without your contribution, many of the advancements and successes we have enjoyed would not have been possible. I encourage you to continue your work, as the rewards for our population will be evident in the health and happiness they enjoy in their daily lives. I offer my best wishes to Sport North and its member organizations and the thousands of volunteers for another outstanding year in sport and recreation leadership.

Vince Steen
Minister, Municipal and Community Affairs

President's Report

Sport North and all of the 31 member Territorial Sport Organizations accomplished a great deal during the 1998/99 year. Watching our athletes participating at the recent Canada Winter Games in Corner Brook, Newfoundland and at other sport competitions our athletes have been involved in, provides me with great comfort in the knowledge that we are all working hard and attaining very high levels of success to enable our members the ability to achieve the goals they have personally set for themselves. Looking forward to the future, it promises to be a very busy year for sport development in the North, but it should also be a very exciting time.

As of April 1, 1999 our long partnership with the residents of Nunavut came to an end. Although we will be "separate teams", representing our individual Territories, our memories of our joint accomplishments will be warm and cherished. We look forward to our future contact and assure Sport Nunavut that the Sport North Federation will be readily available to provide assistance as you continue to set up and develop your own sport structure. On behalf of the entire membership of the Sport North Federation, I want to extend to Sport Nunavut our congratulations and very best wishes for your future success.

A tremendous amount of effort has been expended by the Board of Directors, volunteers, coaches, officials, athletes and Sport North staff in preparing for division. Numerous meetings were held, and many concerns were addressed in order to ensure the division process was effective and as "painless" as possible. Many "unknowns" may surface which will require more specific attention, as no one has a crystal ball to allow it to look clearly into the future. Through proper strategic planning, by the Sport North Board of Directors and the various executives of the Territorial Sport Organizations, it is hoped we can avoid as many pitfalls as possible.

The Board has been diligently working at developing alternatives that will enable Sport North to proceed forward. A new Constitution has been developed, in concert with the Center for Sport and Law in Ottawa, Ontario; a new Board structure which downsizes the present board from twelve to ten members; committees addressing Leadership, Games, Communication and

Finance are in the process of being developed; a new Program Funding Model has been developed to allocate funding to our member TSO's. All new initiatives will have to be ratified at the 1999 Sport North Federation Annual General Meeting.

During March, 1999, a new Sport North Agreement was signed by the Honorable Manitok Thompson, Minister responsible for the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs and the Sport North Federation. This Agreement which will be in effect until March 31, 2003, clearly outlines the priority areas set by the Government for Sport North to assist in the funding of the Aboriginal Sport Circle of the Western Arctic, its related North American Indigenous Games, and the Northwest Territories Parks and Recreation Association. (These additional fiscal responsibilities have significantly affected available funding to our TSO members.) Lottery sales continue to perform at a steady pace, as these sales are the sole funding source for Sport North programs. We will, under contract with the Interim Commissioner in Nunavut, continue to provide administrative services for the Lottery system throughout the Nunavut Territory, on a full cost recovery basis.

As always, the numerous volunteers involved in Sport North and its member TSO's have contributed often and freely to ensuring the success levels are maintained. I thank you for all of your volunteer contributions as members of the Board of Directors, TSO Executives, coaches and officials. I also want to express my thanks to the Sport North staff, Programs and Lotteries, for all of their dedication and hard work directed at achieving the goals we have set in place.

Sincerely,

Abe Theil
President, Sport North Federation

Executive Director's Report

As I look back over the past year, I am reminded of the many changes that have taken place within the Sport North Federation and its member Territorial Sport Organizations (TSOs). Division of the Territories on April 1, 1999, has placed an onus on our Federation, to assist the Nunavut Territory in setting up a viable Sport Nunavut to direct the development of sport, recruitment of volunteers and related infrastructures to ensure the work, commenced by the Sport North Federation regarding sport and volunteer development, continues to flourish.

Across the "North" amateur sport touches almost every citizen on a daily basis. Sport is an economic engine that plays an integral role in driving the economy ($3,385,000 spent by participants at the 1998 Arctic Winter Games in Yellowknife, NWT); ie: airline fares, meals, accommodations, equipment, facility fees, employment opportunities (facility managers), etc. The benefits of sport are well documented as sport enhances community spirit and pride amongst its citizens, helps to unify all peoples of all ages in participating in a common interest. Sport plays a major role in building healthy lifestyles thereby reducing costs and dependence on the NWT Health Care system. It has been proven through research that for every government dollar spent on sport and recreation, five dollars are saved in health care and related service costs. Individuals who participate in sport are exposed to discipline, developing basics of commitment and dedication. Sport provides excitement and the feeling of belonging to a group of people with common interests and goals. Finally, "Sport is Fun".

In March, 1999 a new four (4) year Sport North Agreement (to March 31, 2003) was signed between the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs and the Sport North Federation. The government has been able, due to the importance and success of sport in the Northwest Territories, to "put off" pressure from other "non-profit" groups who were desirous of accessing the Lottery revenues for their own needs. Efforts will continue to be directed at developing partnerships between the Departments of Health, Education and Justice, amongst others, to provide a comprehensive, combined effort to address major social problems that exist in the North. A partnership is presently being developed with the Aboriginal Sport Circle of the Western Arctic to ensure equitable access to our First Nations people into the sport system. A partnership with the Northwest Territories Parks and Recreation

"...the respondents indicated that they highly value this interchange as a life-long learning experience."

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Association will continue to be worked on to develop the benefits of recreation and sport in all communities in the Northwest Territories from grassroots to the more advanced levels.

The challenges facing all sports are constantly increasing every year and there never, in my opinion, will be a time when we see the "end of the rainbow" regarding sport development. We can not become complacent in our efforts as we must be united during the development of our sport system in all regions and in facing the future.

I am truly impressed and very thankful for the many volunteers who unselfishly provide of their own free time to advance the many benefits of sport across the North. Volunteers are the "backbone" of our system and I can freely state that our NWT Volunteers are the most dedicated group of individuals that I personally have had the pleasure of being involved with. A special "Thank You" goes out to the Sport North President, Executive and Board of Directors and its committee volunteers. Special thanks goes out to the Sport North Staff, both Programs and Lottery. I am certain a more dedicated group of individuals can not be found anywhere else in Canada.

Sincerely,

Chris Bergman
Executive Director, Sport North Federation

Sport North Federation Board of Directors

From left to right:
Dave McCann (Yellowknife) – VP Internal Operations
Tony Kulbisky (Holman Island) – Board Member
Janie Hobart (Fort Smith) – Board Member
Juneva Green (Fort Smith) – VP Programs
Abe Theil (Yellowknife) – President
Yvonne Carpenter (Inuvik) – VP Planning
Jean Hinton (Hay River) – Past President
Maureen Miller (Yellowknife) – Board Member
Gwen Young (Yellowknife) – Board Member
Kelly Webster (Inuvik) – Board Member.

Missing from the above photo:
Simon Kuliktana (Kugluktuk) – VP Games
John Maurice (Iqaluit) – Board Member

"In addition to the overall economic impacts on the host economies, there were considerable positive benefits for individual business operators in the region. Of some 62 Yellowknife businesses surveyed, 79% reported an increase in sales. The average magnitude of this increase in sales during the event was 29.3%."

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Economic Impact Final Report
Executive Summary

Sport North Federation Goals (1997-1999)

Sport North identified the following six (6) goals as areas to address over the duration of the Lottery Agreement. The progress of each of these goals has been outlined in the Program areas throughout this document.

- Ensure that Harassment and Gender Equity policies are in place.
- Co-ordinate with the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) organizers to assist in the development of athletes to participate those Games.
- Prepare for Division.
- Develop and implement a communications strategy.
- Develop the sport delivery system with an emphasis on community sport development.
- Continue to prepare for Division. Ensure that Territorial Sport Organizations are structured to deliver sport programs in both Nunavut and the new Western Territory.

There are ongoing goals in the new Lottery Agreement (1999-2003). They are:

- To deliver the multi-sport games (Arctic Winter Games, Canada Games, Western Canada Summer Games and the North American Indigenous Games) on behalf of the Government of the Northwest Territories.
- To establish partnerships with the NWT Recreation & Parks Association, Aboriginal Sport Circle of the Western Arctic, Department of Health & Social Services, Regional Recreation/Sport Councils.
- Continue to develop the sport delivery system with the focus on sport development at the community level.

These are just a few of the goals that have been highlighted for this Report, there are additional goals outlined in the Lottery Agreement.

Lottery Authority Board

Sport North has been mandated, by the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, the responsibility of conducting and managing the Lottery in the Northwest Territories by virtue of the Lottery Agreement signed on March 31st, 1999 and which expires on March 31st, 2003.

Any non-profit organization, who meets the set criteria, interested in becoming a lottery retailer can do so by contacting the Lottery Administrator at the Sport North office.

The Lottery Authority Board is responsible for the compliance of all policies and regulations pertaining to the operation of Lotteries in the Northwest Territories.

The Lottery Authority Board, which meets on a monthly basis, consists of:

Dave McCann, Chairperson
Ron Graf
Ron Kapicki
Maureen Miller
Heather Potter
Chris Szabo
Abe Theil

Ms. Rosemary Keenainak from Pangnirtung and Mr. Glen Higgins from Iqaluit, were appointed by the Minister, Municipal and Community Affairs to participate as observers in all Lottery Authority Board meetings. In anticipation of Division, Sport North signed a service contract to provide lotteries to Nunavut from April 1st, 1999 to March 31st, 2001.

Over the past 22 years, the Northwest Territories Lottery has become a leader in technological advancement as we have become the first operator, in North America, to operate on-line terminals, via direct satellite communication. This advancement has enabled the communities of Cambridge Bay, Rankin Inlet, Iqaluit and Fort Smith to become active on-line retailers. This service will open up many on-line retailers across the entire North, which will allow non-profit organizations to access funding to support their local initiatives.

Sport Nunavut Report

A draft document entitled, *Sport Nunavut Model*, was submitted to the Office of the Interim Commissioner and thus forwarded to the Department of Community Government, Housing and Transportation (CGHT) outlining the proposed structure of Sport Nunavut.

Staffing

Job descriptions and qualifications were submitted to the Department of CGHT and the positions were advertised in March for hire in April. The Government has agreed to hire one Director, and two Sport Development Officers. Sport Nunavut will not have any employees until mid-May at the earliest. The head office and positions will be located in Baker Lake.

The Department of CGHT has agreed to contract my services from Sport North Federation until June 30, 2000. I will be an employee of the Sport North Federation and will be contracted to work for the Nunavut Government as a consultant to the staff of Sport Nunavut. I will assist them in the development of territorial sport organizations and their development of Team Nunavut for the 2000 Arctic Winter Games in Whitehorse.

Currently there is an Interim Board of Directors for Sport Nunavut. These members will remain in this capacity until the first Annual General Meeting of Sport Nunavut.

Budget

A budget was created and included in the Draft Proposal to the Interim Commissioner's Office.

Realistically, the cost of a separate sport system here in Nunavut will be expensive. Our budget looks large, however we all know the costs involved in transporting teams and athletes throughout Nunavut. We believe there will be a large increase in the affiliated members for our 14 sport associations. We have already spoken to communities that have not previously been involved in Sport North programs and they've indicated a desire to participate in the next AWG trials and take advantage of other Sport Nunavut programs.

"The Games and training provide significant opportunities to promote northern and aboriginal sports and customs."

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Programs

It is intended that Sport Nunavut will have many of the same type of programs available to its members that Sport North Federation has offered. The Hosting Grant and the Summer Sports Assistance Grant will not be offered. Our committee structure will be similar to the one that is currently in place for Sport North Federation. The Committees and Board of Directors will only be advisory, thus with limited powers of authority. It is the intention of the Interim Board to have Sport Nunavut eventually receive full authority over the promotion and development of amateur sport in Nunavut. Through all conversations with the Government representatives here in Nunavut, this has been made quite clear.

Games Division

Team Nunavut will make its games debut at the 2000 Arctic Winter Games. A tentative team structure for Nunavut has been developed and submitted to the Arctic Winter Games Host Society. Sport Nunavut will send approximately 270 people to the 2000 Games in Whitehorse.

Policies

Fortunately the existing Sport North Federation policies can be easily adapted to suit the needs of the sporting community here in Nunavut. Each policy has been altered to better reflect our needs in Nunavut and has been reviewed and approved by the Interim Board.

Closing Remarks

There is a great deal of work to be completed in order for Sport Nunavut to become a successful umbrella organization for the development and promotion of amateur sport in Nunavut. The people of Nunavut deserve the opportunities that sport can create. The organization has been provided with a great deal of nurturing through the efforts of our western neighbors, and now they must assume a leadership role of their own.

I would like to thank the staff, Board and Executive of Sport North Federation for the support I have received over the term of my employment.

Respectfully,

Marilyn Neily
Sport Administrative Officer

Sport North Year In Review, 1998

Fort Simpson's **Shannon Swartzentruber** was one of seven young delegates from across the country chosen to represent Canada at the 1998 Snowlets Camp at the Internal Olympic Youth Camp in Nagano, Japan.

Fort Smith made short work of their territorial opponents at the 1998 NWT Atom Territorial Hockey Championships. The Fort Smith Atom Invaders A and B teams won both titles at the Territorials in Fort Smith Feb. 12-15.

Nunavut grabbed triple gold at the 1998 Junior-Juvenile Badminton Territorials as Cambridge Bay's **Jonathon Eder** and **Derek Ogina** of Holman took home three gold medals each.

Killinik High School turned the most heads at the 1998 Cager High School Territorial Basketball Tournament held Feb. 25-March 1.

Colin MacPherson introduced speed skating to Fort Liard in 1996 and at the 1998 NWT Speed Skating Championships held in February, MacPherson brought seven skaters and two of them - **Dustin Hope** and **Kyle Bertrand** - won medals.

Fort Smith's **Jonathon McDonald** had a golden year on the NWT biathlon circuit sweeping gold in all of the Polar Cup events.

Two Hay River bowlers qualified for the Vancouver Youth Five-Pin Nationals held in May. **Michael Holmes** and **Kristin Johnson** represented the Territories. Hay River defeated Dettah 3-0 in the 1999 Co-ed Volleyball Territorial Championships.

A total of 75 NWT squash players invaded Iqaluit for the Toonik Tyme Squash Tournament.

Hay River's **Naomi Smethurst**, Yellowknife's **Ally Simpson** were two out of 180 athletes selected throughout Canada to attend the Canadian National Women's Team Camp.

Super Soccer '98 saw 22 NWT communities and 128 teams participate in the NWTSA's annual championship.

For the first time in ten years Iqaluit sent a swim team to the 1998 Kimberlite Classic one of the NWT's biggest swimming events.

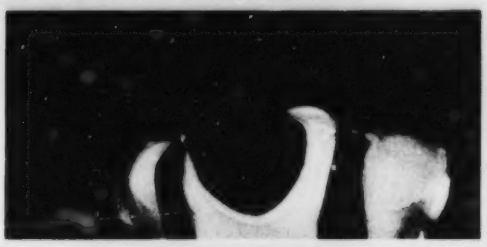
Fort Smith's track and field standout **Jonathan Kurszewski** and arctic sports star **Meika McDonald** were chosen as the Senior Male and Female Athletes of the Year at the Sport North Federation awards banquet.

Hay River's **Doug Swallow** was chosen as the NWT Coach of the Year. And Rae Edzo's **Mike Botermans** was given the Ruth Inch Memorial Award for Sports Contributor of the Year.

Jordin Tootoo was drafted 43rd overall in the Western Hockey Leagues bantam draft. Tootoo was drafted by the Brandon Wheat Kings.

Pat Toner won the men's A final and teamed up with Mitch Guenette to win the men's doubles event at the 1998 First Air/NWT Open Tennis Championships held in Yellowknife.

The NWT's Special Olympics Five-Pin Bowling Team made a good impression at the National Summer Special Olympics in Sudbury, Ontario. The team of **Pierre Lafond, Vitel Manuel, Joachim Rabesca, Claire Tutcho** and **Phoebe Betseda** won nine medals in total.



The Fort Simpson R&B Rustlers took the silver medal at the 1998 Men's Fastball Territorials, narrowly losing 4-1 to the Yellowknife Angels in the final.

Troy Lachowski, from Norman Wells, won two bronze medals at the Canadian Legion Alberta-NWT Command Track and Field Camp held in Calgary.

The Wha Ti team of **Joanne Champlain** and **Brenda Flunkie** took second place to eventual winners **Heather Lafoy** and **Kim Van Metre** of Yellowknife in the NWT VA Beach Volleyball Championships.

Thanks to the team of **Jimmy Merkosak, Justin Merkosak, Marvin Killiktee, Aaron Pitseolak** and **Jollie Eenoogoo,** Pond Inlet won the Regional Inuit Games for the second year in a row.

Cindy Parsons of Cape Dorset proved that figure skating is a big hit, registering 68 participants in the program.

Iqaluit's **Tim Stuempel** - the NWT's top paddler competed in the C-2 Whitewater World Cup slalom circuit throughout Europe.

Fort Smith's **Andrew Dexter** won a World Championship in Austria, lifting 1,747 total pounds in the bench press, squat and deadlift. The 23 year old Dexter won the gold medal at the World Congress Power Lifting Championships.

The Hay River Northstars came in second winning the silver medal at the Western Canadian B Broomball Championships in Kamloops, B.C.

Thanks to some excellent skiing at the Continental Cup/World Junior Trials/World University Games Trials, Fort Smith's **Sarah Daitch** made the Canadian Junior Cross-Country Ski Team.

The communities of Fort McPherson, Coral Harbour and Hay River won 22 medals at the NWT Wrestling Championships.

Fort McPherson coach **Gyles Gillis** stated that "having the opportunity to compete at the Territorials is what's keeping wrestling alive in the smaller communities".

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High Performance Program

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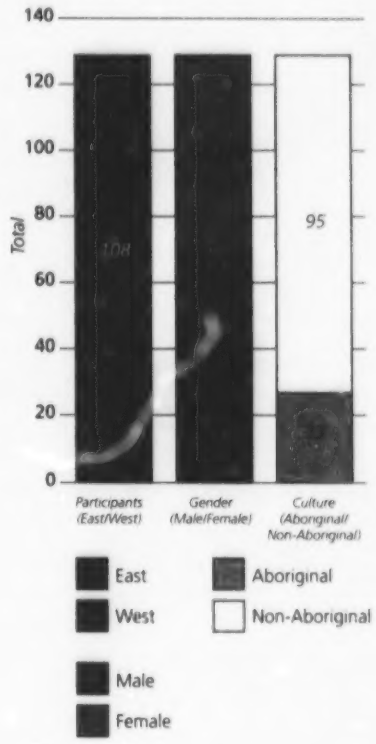
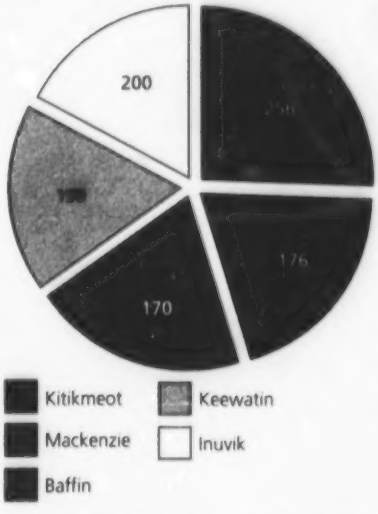
1999 Canada Winter Games
Total Participation = 118



Winter Regional Games
Participants
Total Participation = 801



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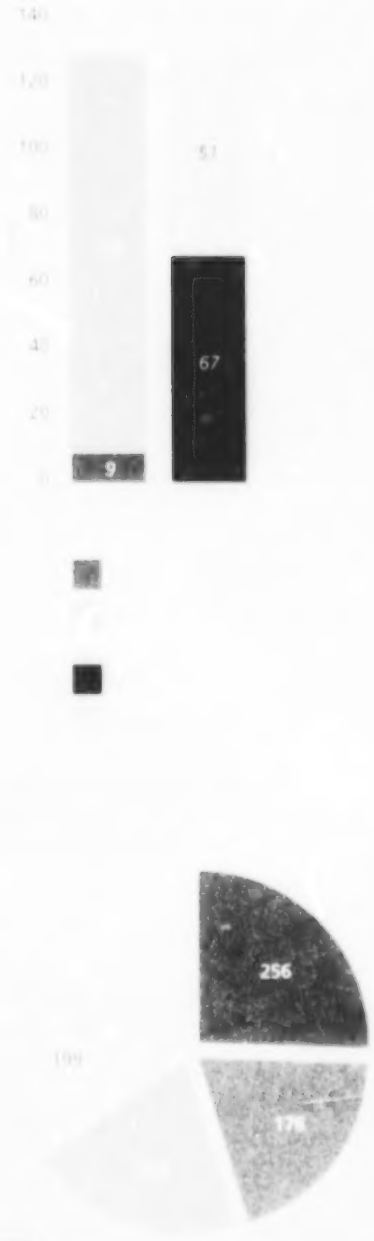


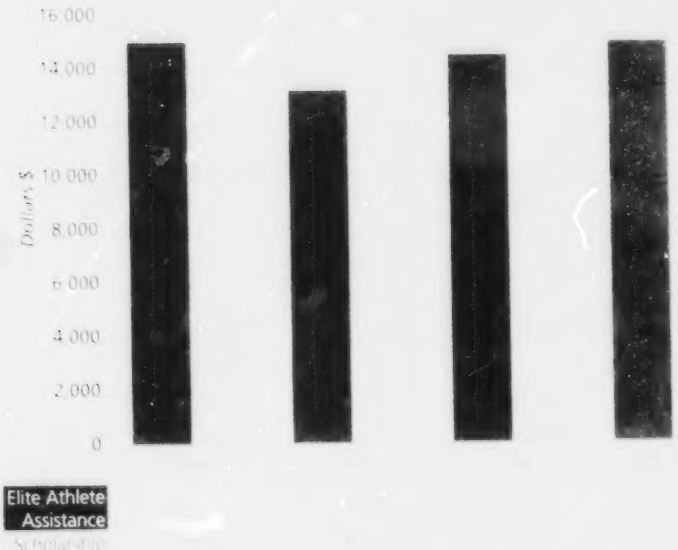
VP Internal Operations Report

The VP of Internal Operations is responsible for the budget and administrative operations of Sport North, and chairs the Lottery Authority Board.

The Finance Committee consisted of Dave McCann (Chairperson), Maureen Miller and Ron Graf. The Lottery Authority Board consisted of Dave McCann (Chairperson), Ron Graf, Maureen Miller, Abe Theil, Ron Kapicki and Heather Potter.

The major accomplishments of this year include:

- The Lottery Authority Board now includes two Nunavut representatives, Glen Higgins and Rosemary Keenainak. An agreement between Sport North and the Government of Nunavut, to administer the lottery on their behalf, was finalized for April 1, 1999.
- Personnel Administration - The job descriptions, classifications and pay structure for our staff were finalized. This package, including benefits, aligns our staff with similar GNWT positions. These costs are included in the budget for 1999/2000.



VP Internal Operations Report

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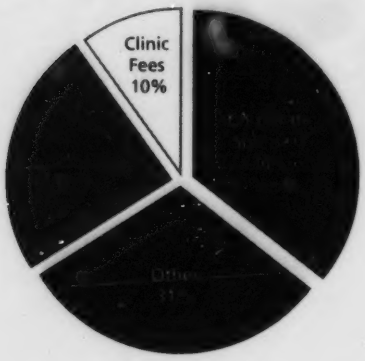
1998/99 TSO Generated Funding
Total = $587,164.00



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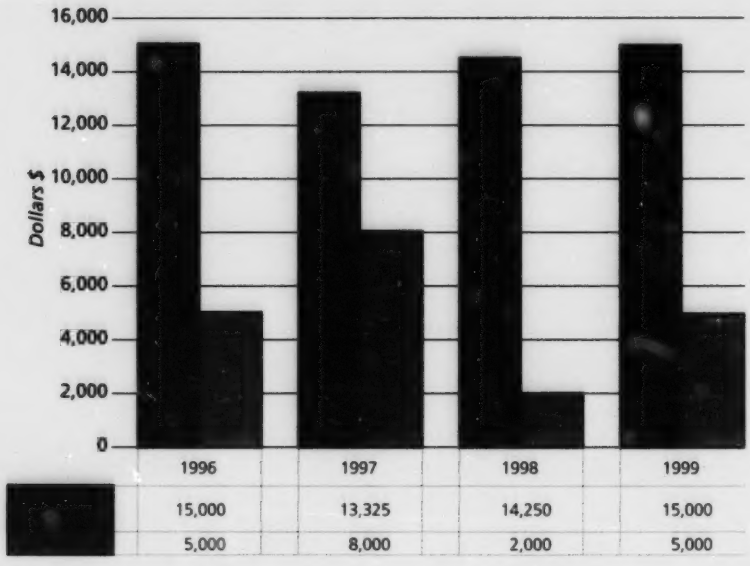
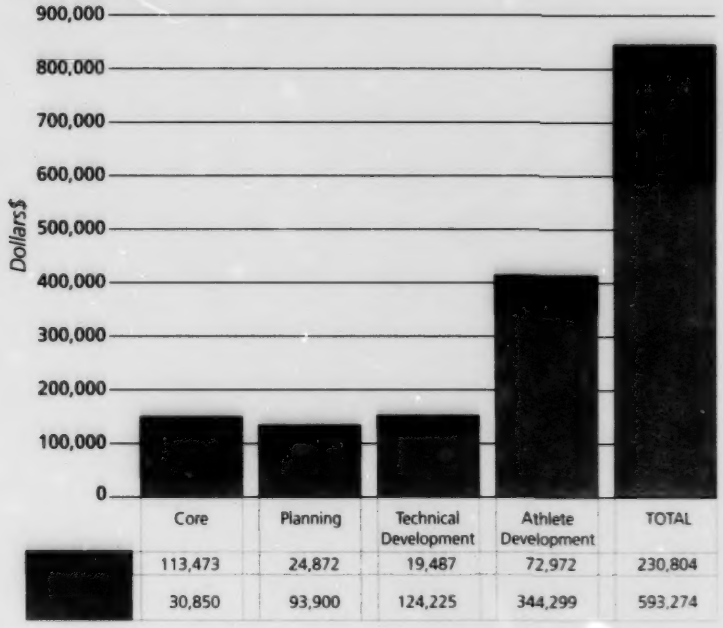
Elite Athlete Assistance and Scholarships
1996-1999



- Sport North Agreement - Our agreement with MACA covers a four year period. There are specific priorities which MACA and the Minister want us to emphasize with you - our Territorial Sport Organizations. This will become more clear as the Program Funding Allocation Handbook is reviewed by TSOs.
- Budget Development - A multi-year forecast was prepared in conjunction with the Sport North Agreement negotiations. This realistic estimate of income and expenditures shows Sport North's ability to operate for the next four years within current programs. These financial forecasts will enable the Sport North Board to closely monitor it's fiscal position for the next four years.

Dave McCann
VP Internal Operations

TSO Expenditures by Category



	Core	Planning	Technical Development	Athlete Development	TOTAL
	113,473	24,872	19,487	72,972	230,804
	30,850	93,900	124,225	344,299	593,274

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AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of
Sport North Federation

We have audited the Balance Sheet of the Sport North Federation as at March 31, 1999 and the Statements of Operations and Members' Equity for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Society's Management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Society as at March 31, 1999 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Avery, Cooper & Co.

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Yellowknife, NT

April 16, 1999

SPORT NORTH FEDERATION
BALANCE SHEET
March 31, 1999

	1999 $	1998 $
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash	**647,407**	9,741
Short term investments	**261,500**	1,017
Accounts receivable	**178,395**	214,875
Due from related parties	**24,061**	83,525
GST receivable	**9,565**	53,181
Prepaid expenses	**2,688**	5,508
Inventory	**2,695**	2,076
	1,126,311	369,923
Due from Western Canada Lottery Corporation	**275,000**	275,000
	1,401,311	644,923
LIABILITIES		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	**430,272**	314,176
Deferred revenue	**167,310**	-
Due to related parties	**14,555**	1,900
	612,137	316,076
Accrued termination benefits	**68,986**	-
	681,123	316,076
MEMBERS' EQUITY		
Surplus	**328,847**	328,847
Reserves	**391,341**	-
	720,188	328,847
	1,401,311	644,923

STATEMENT OF MEMBERS' EQUITY
March 31, 1999

	1999 $	1998 $
SURPLUS		
Balance, beginning of year	**328,847**	275,000
Excess revenue (expenditures) for the year	**391,341**	(575,747)
Appropriated to reserves	**(391,341)**	-
Transfers from reserves	**-**	629,594
Balance, end of year	**328,847**	328,847
RESERVES		
Balance, beginning of year	**-**	629,594
Appropriated from surplus	**391,341**	-
Transfers to surplus	**-**	(629,594)
Balance, end of year	**391,341**	-

SPORT NORTH FEDERATION
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
For the year ended March 31, 1999

	Budget 1999 $	Actual 1999 $	Actual 1998 $
REVENUE			
Lottery Revenue, Net	2,502,889	2,578,647	2,502,889
Commission revenue	278,889	281,456	278,889
Net Lottery income	2,781,778	2,860,103	2,781,778
Other Revenue			
Administration fee on airfare	1,000	1,440	1,084
Donations	20,000	4,895	23,000
Grants	140,000	237,097	-
Interest	6,000	29,465	20,864
Membership fees	3,200	3,300	3,300
Miscellaneous revenue	1,000	4,117	6,171
Refunds from associations	-	51,674	73,514
Registration Fees	106,500	42,231	295,920
Special Projects	50,000	45,458	70,399
Ticket sales - Awards Dinner	800	1,654	850
Total revenue	3,110,278	3,281,434	3,276,880
EXPENDITURES			
Advertising and promotion	68,300	53,651	78,148
Affiliation Fees	1,000	811	916
Audit and accounting	10,500	7,782	9,441
Awards	13,000	5,979	6,465
Bad debts	-	3,729	-
Bank Charges	1,000	1,516	2,453
Clothing and supplies - Games	83,700	81,299	196,819
Communications	50,000	37,876	50,822
Computer equipment and services	14,400	9,597	3,670
Goods and Services Tax	3,000	1,231	2,127
Grants	1,371,200	1,233,573	1,000,947
Insurance	14,500	9,099	12,750
Interest - current	2,000	2,070	-
Lease of equipment	28,000	28,925	40,047
Lease of office premises	40,000	36,391	65,205
Legal	2,500	489	231
Miscellaneous	25,300	8,750	7,150
Office supplies	20,700	5,427	7,128
Periodicals, printing and newsletter	2,000	1,680	265
Postage and freight	15,000	17,995	21,759
Professional development and training	2,000	2,466	2,208
Professional fees - other	-	5,602	-
Repairs and maintenance	3,000	4,093	9,265
Salaries, wages and benefits	904,000	893,363	897,955
Special Projects	60,000	45,458	80,619
Travel, including general and committee meetings	374,000	391,241	1,356,237
	3,109,100	2,890,093	3,852,627
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	1,178	391,341	(575,747)

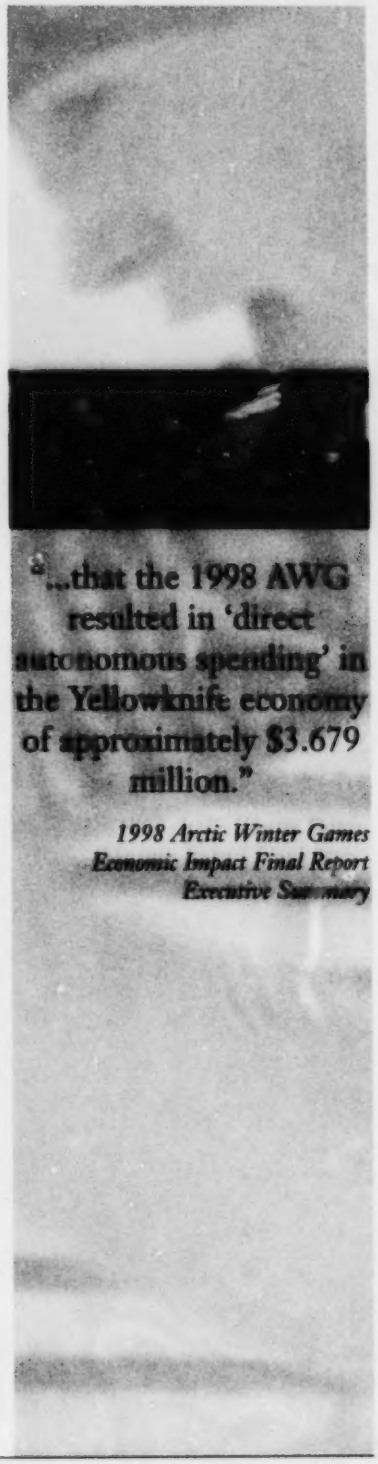
VP Planning Report

The Planning Committee consisted of Yvonne Carpenter (Chairperson), Gwen Young, Jean Hinton, Bernadette Dean, Tony Kulbisky.

The Planning Committee has played an integral role in the accomplishments of the goals set by Sport North for the past year. Some of these accomplishments include:

Planning

- the Committee developed an Harassment & Gender Equity Policy and it was approved at the Sport North Annual General Meeting 1998. The Territorial Sport Organizations were then asked to develop their own policy, by the fall of 1998, or to follow the Sport North policy.
- the Committee presented a Division document at the 1998 Annual General Meeting for both the East and West. This document was intended to bring issues and ideas to members' attention and to promote meaningful discussion on the direction and structure of Sport North after March 31, 1999. At this AGM, an interim Board was elected for Sport Nunavut. Since then, they have been working to make Sport Nunavut a reality (refer to Marilyn Neily's report on Sport Nunavut).
- a workshop was held in Iqaluit in February 1999, for the potential Nunavut Sport Organizations. This workshop was very successful and laid the ground work in getting the sports organized and on the right track.
- a Communications Plan for Sport North was developed in May 1997. The Communications & Marketing Committee will also be developing a Marketing Strategy to complement it. Money has been budgeted for this and the Committee is researching companies to coordinate it.
- staff have continued to attend the Regional Recreation Workshops. Sport Nunavut staff have assisted over the last 3 years in attending those workshops in the East.
- the Recognition Criteria for membership in the Sport North Federation was approved at the AGM in May 1997. This identifies the minimum criteria that a Territorial Sport Organization must meet and maintain in order to receive funding through Sport North.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1998 Arctic Winter Games
Economic Impact Final Report
Executive Summary

- hosted a Sport & Law Workshop in January 1999 in partnership with the Department of Municipal & Community Affairs. A series of four (4) workshops focusing on "Good Governance - Good Policies" were presented over a two day period.

Communications

- the Sport North web site (www.sportnorth.com) has been reformatted and includes information about Sport North's programs & services, Territorial Sport Organizations, multi-sport games and a calendar of events. The web site is being monitored and updated by staff on an ongoing basis.
- the Sport North newsletter "Sport is....for life" was developed in 1997 and has been ongoing since then. This newsletter is distributed quarterly to Sport North board members, Territorial Sport Organizations, Department of Municipal & Community Affairs (both Headquarters and regional offices), and recreation coordinators.
- two posters have been developed over the last year:
  - the Role Model Poster, which highlights seven (7) NWT athletes that have achieved a high level of competition in their sport; and
  - the Harassment Poster & Pamphlet, which identifies the different places (e.g. in the locker room, on the playing field etc.) where harassment can take place and what to do.
  - These projects were done in partnership with the Department of Municipal & Community Affairs and the NWT Recreation & Parks Association.
- the Sport & Recreation Directory is a project that we have worked on jointly with the NWT Recreation & Parks Association. They have coordinated this project over the last few years and we have contributed resources (both human and financial).
- publish an Annual Report to review and evaluate each Sport North program area.

Yvonne Carpenter
VP Planning

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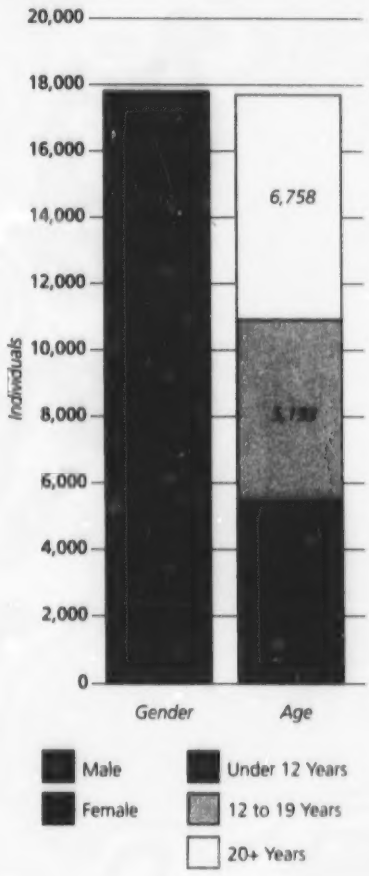

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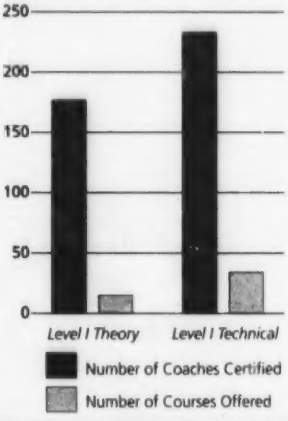

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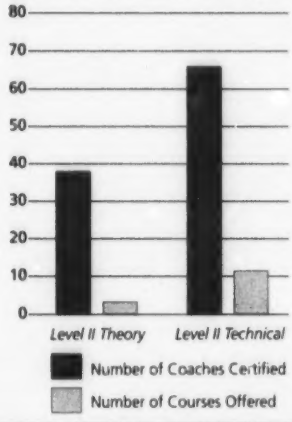

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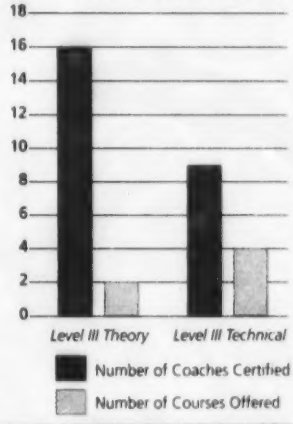

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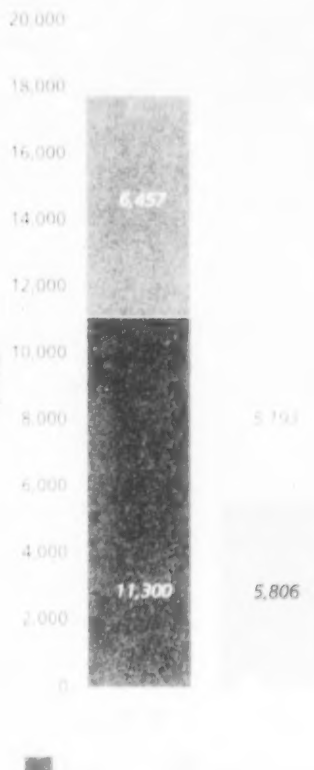

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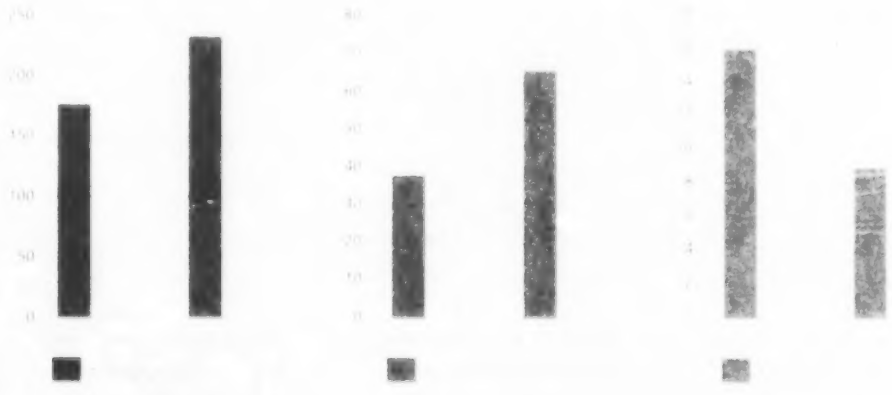

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Jennifer Swallow	Biathlon	$800
Sarah Daitch	Cross Country Skiing	$800
Johnathon McDonald	Biathlon	$800
Michael Argue	Cross Country Skiing	$800
Andrew Dexter	Weightlifting	$1,500
Jared Marshall	Speed Skating	$1,100
Megan Munro	Speed Skating	$1,100
Krysta Lachowski	Figure Skating	$500
Scott Lachowski	Figure Skating	$500
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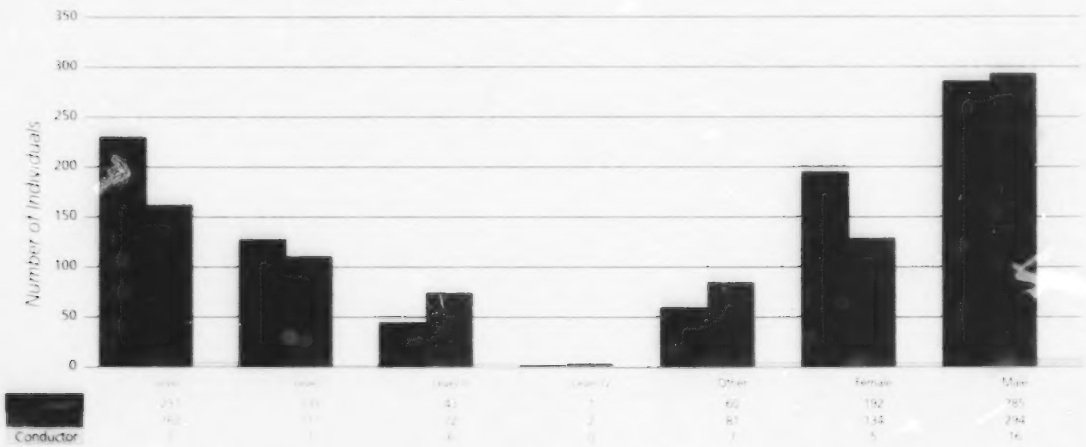
Number of NWT Course Conductors, Coaches and Officials



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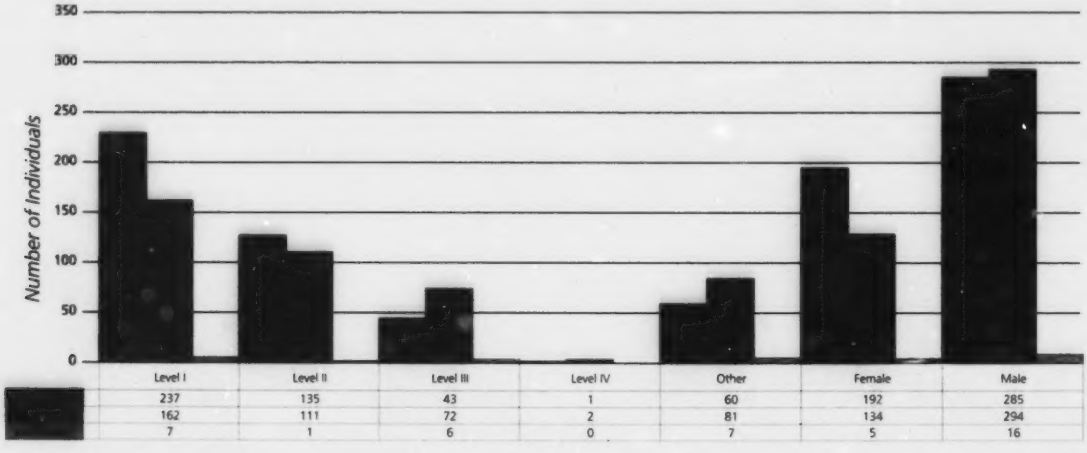

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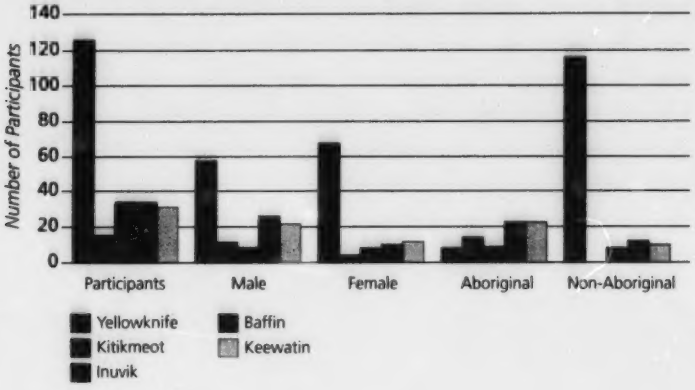
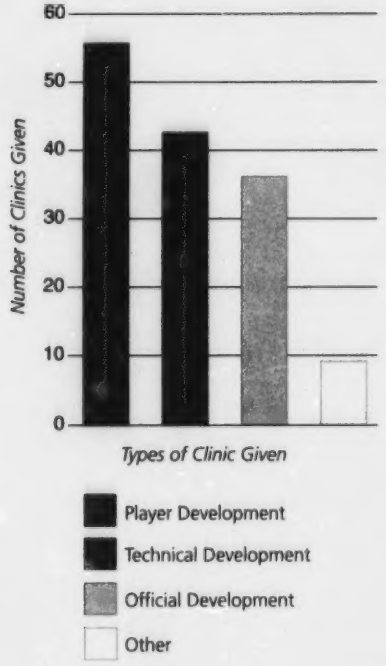
1999 Grants to TSOs (Total Membership)

NWT Coaching Symposium Participation Breakdown

Total Number of Participants = 230



TSO Sport Specific Clinics (1998/99)



Sport North Awards

The Awards Committee consisted of Kelly Webster (Chairperson), Juneva Green, Jeff Amos, Adrienne Forest and Mary Linn.

Recipients of the 1997/1998 Awards

Junior Female Athlete

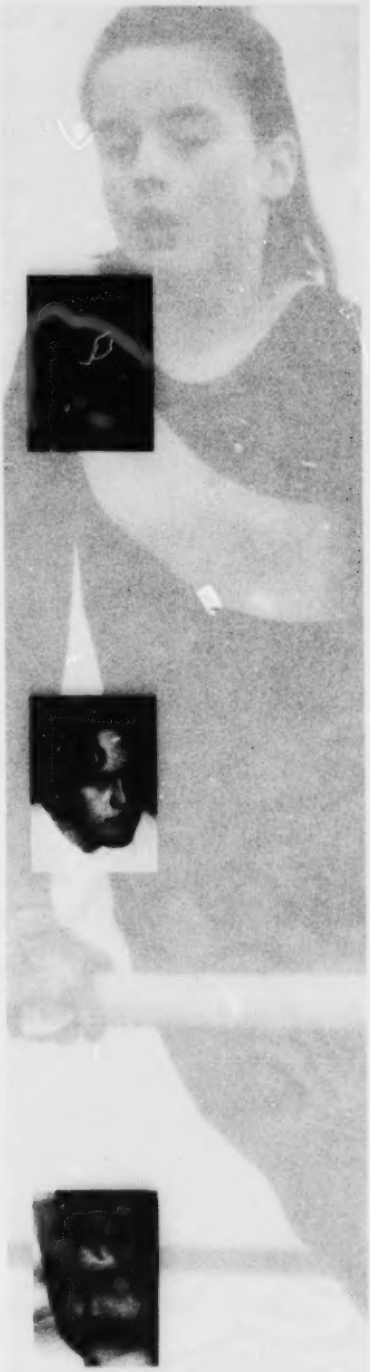
Sophia Pin of Yellowknife won the **Junior Female Athlete** of the Year Award in Speed Skating. A Yellowknife resident, Sophia set three (3) new records at the NWT Championships and received the Gold for the Junior Women's category. Also, at the 1998 Arctic Winter Games, Sophia set four (4) records and again placed first overall for the Junior Women. During her busy year, Sophia also qualified to compete at the North American Speed Skating Championships in New Brunswick, and finished in 12th place at this very competitive event. Sophia, a 16 year old student is attending Sir John Franklin High School. She has been speed skating for the past eight years and has some great competitions ahead of her.

Junior Male Athlete

Gordon Delorme of Yellowknife was named our **Junior Male Athlete** of the Year in Cross Country Skiing. This is Gordon's second year receiving the Junior Athlete of the Year Award. Gordon's achievements include being named as the Top Juvenile Boy at the National Junior Championships held in Val Cartier, Quebec in March. Gordon's placings at this event include a 1st (gold) in the 10 km classic race and a 2nd place (silver) in the 7.5 km classic race. Gordon was also ranked as the Top Juvenile Boy at the Western Canadian Championships in B.C. where he took the Gold in the 10 km freestyle event and the Bronze in the 5 km classic. Gordon was also the NWT Territorial Champion for '97/98 and posted personal best times for both the 10 km and 5 km races this past year.

Senior Female Athlete

Meika MacDonald of Fort Smith won our **Senior Female Athlete** of the Year Award. Meika has been competing in Arctic Sports for the past 8 years. During both the 1996 and the recent 1998 Arctic Winter Games, Meika proudly won Best Female Overall competitor in Arctic Sports. Notably, during the last AWG, Meika set a new record in the Alaskan High Kick, beating the previous 10-year old record. She also won three other Gold medals and one Silver medal



in the Russian Sledge Jump, which was her first time competing in that particular event. Meika is the remaining record-holder for the Jr. Female Alaskan High Kick.

Senior Male Athlete

Jonathon Kurszewski of Fort Smith won our **Senior Male Athlete** of the Year Award. Jonathon is currently the NWT record holder for three events in Track and Field: the discus, javelin and shotput. He entered into the '97 Canada Summer Games ranked in 8th position nationally in both the javelin and discuss and bettered his standings in both events. In the javelin event, Jonathon finished 4th overall, just barely missing being on the bronze medal podium. In discus, Jonathon finished 5th overall. He also participated in the '97 North American Indigenous Games (NAIG), where he brought home two gold medals.

Coach of the Year

Doug Swallow of Hay River was presented with the **Coach of the Year** Award. Doug has been an instrumental force in the development and increased profile of the sport of Biathlon in the NWT. Most recently, Doug coached the AWG team, and his athletes won 40% of all the medals amongst tough competition. Five of Doug's athletes also went on to compete at the National Biathlon Championships this year in Val Cartier, Quebec. Doug has not only put forth hours of quality coaching time, but has also been extremely busy planning and organizing competitions for athletes throughout the Territories. These include the AWG Regional trials, as well as three Polar Cup races: November '97 in Hay River; February '98 in Fort Smith and March '98 in Yellowknife. Doug is well respected and admired by his athletes, fellow coaches, parents and officials. He is described by them as being "selfless", "reliable", and a "tireless volunteer".

Dennis Crane Memorial Award

Yvonne Careen was honoured with the **Dennis Crane Memorial Award** for Volleyball. Yvonne has been the Regional Officials Chairperson for the NWT Volleyball Association for over 4 years. This past year was particularly demanding for Yvonne, as she was the Head Official for the 1998 Arctic Winter Games. This responsibility included the coordination, selection and scheduling of the Major Officials for all participating contingents for the games. Throughout the year, she organized training sessions for Minor Officials and coordinated Regional Officials clinics at the two AWG Territorial Trials sites in Inuvik and Rae Edzo. Yvonne has been

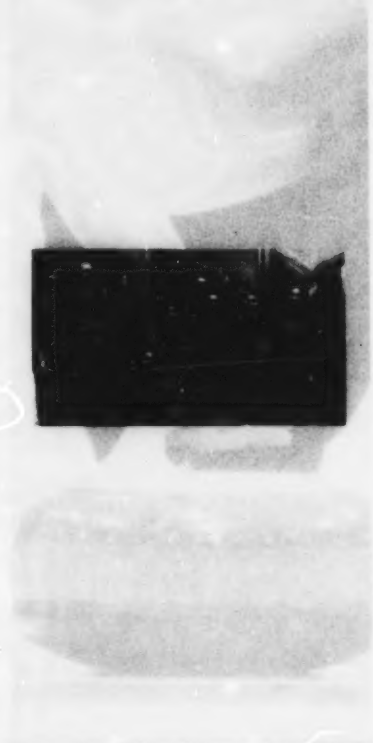
successful in increasing the base of officials across the north. Yvonne has not only given so much of herself at the Territorial level, but has also been active on the National Volleyball scene, officiating two Western Canadian Volleyball Championships and four Arctic Winter Games. Most recently, Yvonne has been invited to the first ever Midget Canadian Volleyball Jamboree in Calgary.

Ruth Inch Memorial Award

Michael Botermans of Rae Edzo was presented with the **Ruth Inch Memorial Award**. Michael Botermans has been a great advocate of sport in Rae Edzo and has spent many volunteer hours as a coach, fundraiser, and all-around supporter. Michael's coaching strengths lie in volleyball and soccer, where he has led teams to Gold Medals in a variety of regional and territorial competitions. Michael's versatility as a coach has meant that he has also spent time coaching basketball and track and field for territorial competitions. Michael's national achievements include taking a boys soccer team to an indoor tournament in Germany, where the team was very competitive. Michael not only coached this team, but was instrumental in the fundraising efforts that made the trip possible. In outdoor soccer, Michael's team won a Bronze medal at the most recent North American Indigenous Games (NAIG), as well as at the '95 NAIG games. He has also taken other teams to compete in Alberta competitions in both volleyball and basketball. A true volunteer, Michael works with the students of Rae Edzo as their coach, mentor and friend. His caring and volunteer efforts are exemplary and he is a deserving recipient of the Ruth Inch Memorial Award.

Team of the Year

The **Team of the Year Award** was presented to the **NWT Speed Skating Team**. The 1998 Arctic Winter Games Speed Skating Team won 22% of the NWT medals during the games. This included 20 gold medals, 15 silver, and 7 bronze. This also represented the most medals won by any team participating at the AWG, aiding the territories greatly in their achievement of the first ever, first place finish in the overall standings. During the games, the speed skaters established three new records in relay events and individuals posted record times in 9 individual events. The speed skating team was made up of athletes from Yellowknife, Iqaluit and Pangnirtung and spent countless hours practicing from September through March.



The team included the following 16 talented and hard-working athletes:

Juvenile Girls:

Julia Pin, Jane Park, Merril Cooper and Sarah Stephenson.

Juvenile Boys:

Jared Marshall, Gord Stephenson, Luke Coedy and Michael Gilday.

Junior Girls:

Sophia Pin, Megan Munro, Naya Maurice and Mika Etoongaut.

Junior Boys:

Michael Denko, Conor McGreish, David Monroe and Utu Maurice.

Thank You!

Sport North would like to take this opportunity to thank the dedicated presidents of our Territorial Sport Organizations, who contribute endless amounts of volunteer hours to the betterment of our NWT residents through sport.

Delma Kisoun
NWT Arctic Sports Association

Deb Lougheed
NWT Basketball Association

Gary Black
NWT Bowling Association

Gordon Kelly
NWT Canoeing Association

Don Gills
NWT Darts Association

Gordon Van Tighem
NWT Shooting Association

Ed Bennington
NWT Gymnastics Association

Gordon Mott
NWT Karate Association

Bruce Cornock
North of 60 Billiards

Jonny Graves
NWT Skiing Division

Brian Campbell
NWT Softball Association

Penny Johnson
NWT Speed Skating Association

Bev Black
NWT Swimming Association

Ric Daitch
NWT Tennis Association

Rob Meckling
NWT Volleyball Association

Don Reid
NWT Wrestling Association

Ron Graf
NWT Badminton Association

Miriam Tyson
NWT Biathlon Association

Garth Mackie
NWT Broomball Association

Don Craik
NWT Curling Association

Carol Beck
NWT Dog Sledding Association

Nancy Trotter
NWT Figure Skating Association

Denis Bedard
NWT Hockey Association

Don Jaque
NWT Kayaking Association

Dennis Fedun
NWT Ringette Association

Peter Geikie
NWT Soccer Association

Kim Poulter
NWT Special Olympics Association

Terry Gray
NWT Squash/Racquets Association

Tom Girrior
NWT Tae Kwon Do Association

Peter Redvers
NWT Track & Field Association

Peter Smith
NWT Weightlifting Association

Farewell to Friends

"...increased interest in becoming a role model for youth in their home town as a result of their experience with the Games and training process."

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NWT Gymnastics
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Sue Cadieux
Sport Consultant,
Sport North
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